

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: CONTINENTAL CURRENCY SERVICES, INC.
DBA CCS
4020 Washington Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90018

CITATIONS
AND
DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(Pursuant to California Financial Code sections 23050 and 23058)

The California Corporations Commissioner finds that:

1. Continental Currency Services, Inc. dba CCS, hereinafter “Licensee” is, and was at all relevant times herein, a corporation authorized to conduct business in California with its principal place of business located at 4020 Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA (“Location 1”) . Licensee has additional licensed business locations as follows:

- Location 2. 4201 West Pico, Los Angeles, CA 90019
- Location 3. 4050 Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90008
- Location 4. 1890 S. Western, Los Angeles, CA 90006
- Location 5. 5804 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA 90016
- Location 6. 6565 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028
- Location 7. 739 W. Rosecrans Ave., Compton, CA 90222
- Location 8. 8116 Long Beach Blvd., South Gate, CA 90280
- Location 9. 3270 Tweedy Blvd., Suite A, South Gate, CA 90280
- Location 10. 2417 E. Cesar Chavez Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033
- Location 11. 3106 San Gabriel Blvd., Rosemead, CA 91770
- Location 12. 2100 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90057
- Location 13. 1503 South Garey Ave., Pomona, CA 91766
- Location 14. 5263 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022

- 1 Location 15. 6821-A S. Eastern Ave., Bell Gardens, CA 90201
- 2 Location 16. 862 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90015
- 3 Location 17. 139 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90015
- 4 Location 18. 12100 Victory Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91608
- 5 Location 19. 2612 Saviers Road, Oxnard, CA 93033
- 6 Location 20. 2832 Cochran Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065
- 7 Location 21. 67 W. Main Street, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93001
- 8 Location 22. 8026 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352
- 9 Location 23. 447 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104
- 10 Location 24. 1675 W. Martin Luther King, Los Angeles, CA 90062
- 11 Location 25. 11515 E. Washington Blvd., Whittier, CA 90606
- 12 Location 26. 9100 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City, CA 91402
- 13 Location 27. 2401 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305
- 14 Location 28. 24525 Alessandro Blvd., #C, Moreno Valley, CA 92553
- 15 Location 29. 400 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90013
- 16 Location 30. 8565 S. Broadway, Suite 1, Los Angeles, CA 90003
- 17 Location 31. 148 E. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220
- 18 Location 32. 1457 E. Florence, Unit #115, Los Angeles, CA 90001
- 19 Location 33. 3401 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
- 20 Location 34. 11732 Wilmington Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90059
- 21 Location 35. 5860 S. Vermont, Los Angeles, CA 90044
- 22 Location 36. 1669 E. 103rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90002
- 23 Location 37. 11220 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90303
- 24 Location 38. 6401 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028
- 25 Location 39. 1298 N. Lake Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104
- 26 Location 40. 1301 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90813
- 27 Location 41. 1200 S. Brand Blvd., Glendale, CA 91204
- 28 Location 42. 303 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

- 1 Location 43. 12773 Van Nuys Blvd., Pacoima, CA 91331
- 2 Location 44. 237 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802
- 3 Location 45. 335 East 7th Street, Long Beach , CA 90813
- 4 Location 46. 10716 W. Washington, Culver City, CA 90232
- 5 Location 47. 3461 E. Artesia Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90805
- 6 Location 48. 12854 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
- 7 Location 49. 559 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90014
- 8 Location 50. 13542 Lakewood Blvd., Unit F, Bellflower, CA 90707
- 9 Location 51. 1788 University Avenue, #A, Riverside, CA 92507
- 10 Location 52. 231 East 17th Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706
- 11 Location 53. 15456 Beach Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683
- 12 Location 54. 11300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025

13 2. On or about December 31, 2004, Licensee obtained licenses from the California
14 Corporations Commissioner (“Commissioner”) to engage in the business of deferred deposit
15 transactions at Locations 1 through 48, subsequently obtaining licenses for locations 49 through 52.

16 3. An examination of Licensee conducted by the Commissioner on December 19, 2007
17 at locations 1 through 12, 14 through 43, 46, 49, 50 and 54 disclosed the following violations at
18 locations 25, 26, 30 and 43.

19 Citation A, Location 25. Licensee failed to conspicuously post its license in its place of
20 business in violation of Financial Code section 23018.

21 Citation B, Location 26.

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24 23018. y . Licensee made one loan totaling \$300 with an Annual Percentage Rate (“APR”)
25 that exceeded 36% to a customer who was an active member of the military and Licensee made eight
26 loans totaling \$2,400 with APRs exceeding 36% to the dependent of an active member of the
27 military in violation of Financial Code section 23038 (a). Financial Code section 23038(a) provides
28 that any person who violates any provision of Section 670 of the John Warner National Defense

1 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 or any provision of Section 232 of Title 31 of the Code of
2 Federal Regulations, as published on August 31, 2007, in Volume 72 of the Federal Register,
3 violates the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law.

4 Citation B, Location 9. Licensee made one loan totaling \$300 with an APR that exceeded
5 36% to the dependent of an active member of the military in violation of Financial Code section
6 23038 (a). Financial Code section 23038(a) provides that any person who violates any provision of
7 Section 670 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 or any
8 provision of Section 232 of Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as published on August 31,
9 2007, in Volume 72 of the Federal Register, violates the California Deferred Deposit Transaction
10 Law.

11 Pursuant to California Financial Code section 23058, Licensee is hereby ordered to pay to the
12 Commissioner an administrative penalty in the total amount of \$5,000 for the following Citations
13 within 30 days from the date of these Citations.

14 Citation A, Location 2. \$2,500

15 Citation B, Location 9. \$2,500

16 Pursuant to California Financial Code section 23050, Licensee is hereby ordered
17 to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of deferred deposit transactions in the State of
18 California in violation of the above referenced sections.

19 These Citations and Desist and Refrain Order are necessary, in the public
20 interest, for the protection of consumers and is consistent with the purposes, policies and
21 provisions of the California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law. These Citations and Desist and
22 Refrain Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commissioner.

23 These Citations and Desist and Refrain Order are separate from any further action that may
24 include other administrative, civil or criminal remedies that the Commissioner may take based upon
25 the violations of law cited herein or otherwise.

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27 California Financial Code section 23058 provides, in relevant part:

28 (a) If, upon inspection, examination or investigation, based upon a
complaint or otherwise, the department has cause to believe that a person

is engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions without a license, . . . the department may issue a citation to that person in writing, describing with particularity the basis of the citation. Each citation may contain . . . an assessment of an administrative penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)

(c) If within 30 days from the receipt of the citation of the person cited fails to notify the department that the person intends to request a hearing as described in subdivision (d), the citation shall be deemed final.

(d) Any hearing held under this section shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code

California Financial Code section 23050 provides:

Whenever, in the opinion of the commissioner, any person is engaged in the business of deferred deposit transactions, as defined in this division, without a license from the commissioner, or any licensee is violating any provision of this division, the commissioner may order that person or licensee to desist and to refrain from engaging in the business or further violating this division. If, within 30 days, after the order is served, a written request for a hearing is filed and no hearing is held within 30 days thereafter, the order is rescinded.

ORDER VOIDING DEFERRED DEPOSIT TRANSACTIONS

Licensee willfully violated California Financial Code section 23038 (a) by making one loan totaling \$300 with an APR exceeding 36% and making nine loans totaling \$2,700 with APRs in excess of 36% to two dependents of active military members in violation of Financial Code section 23038 (a). California Financial Code section 23060 states:

(a) If any amount other than, or in excess of, the charges or fees permitted by this division is willfully charged, contracted for, or received, a deferred deposit transaction contract shall be void, and no person shall have any right to collect or receive the principal amount provided in the deferred deposit transaction, any charges, or fees in connection with the transaction.

(b) If any provision of this division is willfully violated in the making or collection of a deferred deposit transaction, the deferred deposit transaction contract shall be void, and no person shall have any right to collect or receive any amount provided in the deferred deposit transaction, any charges, or fees in connection with the transaction.

Pursuant to Financial Code section 23060, subdivision (b), all ten of the above described deferred deposit transactions totaling at least \$3,000 shall be declared void, and no person shall have any right to collect or receive any amount provided in the deferred deposit transactions or any charges or fees in connection with these consumer transactions and is hereby ordered to immediately return any amount and all charges and fees received for these transactions.

The request for a hearing may be made by delivering or mailing a written request to:

Steven Thompson
Special Administrator
California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law
Department of Corporations
320 West 4th Street, Ste. 750
Los Angeles, California 90013-2344
(213) 576-7610

Dated: May 19, 2008
Los Angeles, CA

PRESTON DUFAUCHARD
California Corporations Commissioner

By _____
Steven C. Thompson
Special Administrator
California Deferred Deposit Transaction Law